

Established in 1955—the only Catholic Archdiocesan School in east Multnomah County

There's a lot to love at St. Therese School



ACADEMICS

St. Therese School educates children from 3 years of age through the 8th Grade. The academic year is a full 179 student days.



Beginning with **Little Flower PRESCHOOL** we have created a program for the young ones that is designed to promote self-esteem and confidence, creativity,

language development, cognitive skills, motor skills, and social skills in an atmosphere of Christian love and acceptance.

KINDERGARTEN is an all-day academic program that teaches the fundamental skills needed to succeed in 1st Grade. Students continue their focus on essential learning and social skills. Emphasis is on basic reading, writing, and mathematic skills to give them the foundation and understanding they need for a head start in elementary school. Religion is a major influence in their daily routines including prayer and joining the older children at liturgical celebrations.

GRADES K through 5 are in self contained classrooms. Maximum classroom size is 28-30 (depending on grade). Instructional Assistants work in the school to give the teachers and students added support.

CORE CURRICULUM areas include Reading, Language Arts, Social Studies, Math, Science and Religion. In addition there is a weekly student body Mass, and classes in

MIDDLE SCHOOL

In Grades 6, 7 and 8 the students have the experience of changing classes, having a variety of teachers, and taking on the independence needed to develop strong study skills.

7th and 8th graders are introduced to Algebra, Geometry and literature classes which prepares them well for high school. Extra curricular activities such as Student Council keep students busy and involved.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Students in all grades are provided opportunities to “*Live Like Jesus*” and partake in outreach service. Children take on projects such as helping crate groceries for St. Vincent DePaul, assist at shelters, organize warm clothing drives, or participate in the annual Giving Tree. Students are encouraged to get involved and offer service to the community.



FAMILY GROUPS

Children of all grades come together in a “family” under the direction of a staff member and an 8th grade student. This program fosters community building and relationships between all students. It continues a proud tradition since it's creation in the 1980's.

ENRICHMENT READING/MATH

A reading and math specialist, through the Title I Program, provides students with additional support and individualized enhancement of the reading and math curriculum. Students who are reading above grade level also have an opportunity to come together

LITURGY PREPARATION

Students prepare and participate in weekly Student Body Mass and daily prayer services. A variety of school gatherings provide ample opportunities for public speaking and prayer, allowing children to develop confidence and presentation skills.

DRESS CODE

Our uniform code is designed to look neat and well dressed, yet be functional for play. Purchased through Dennis Uniform Company, the khaki slacks or shorts are paired with navy, dark green or white polo shirts. Girls have optional jumpers, skorts (K-4) or skirts (5-8) in the Blackwatch plaid. School logos are available on most clothing. See the uniform sheet for more detail.

HOT LUNCH

Our lunch program is offered daily for all students K-8. All meals are complete with an entree, vegetable, fruit, and dessert. Milk is purchased separately to accommodate cold or hot lunches. St. Therese does offer reduced prices for any families who qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced Lunch Program. *See current lunch menu for prices.*

EXTENDED CARE

Before and after-school care is offered daily for all students K-8. Before school is from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m. and after school is from dismissal time to 6 p.m.

After-school care provides students homework time, playtime, and a snack until parents arrive.

FINE ARTS PROGRAM

Music: Students participate in general music courses and prepare for weekly school liturgies. For those students interested in additional music training, Band is available in grades 4-8.

Drama: Students have an opportunity to apply their imagination in theatre arts so as to perform with self-confidence and participate collaboratively. They learn the basics of stagecraft, self-discipline, and listening and observation skills. Student rehearse and perform scripted plays, with public performances during the year.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORTS

All children in grades 1-8 may participate in competitive sports through the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). A variety of sports are available during fall, winter and spring seasons. Sports might include, track, football, basketball, volleyball and swimming. Coaching opportunities are available for all parents.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parent involvement is a key component in the success of our school. Parents contribute a minimum of 40 hours of volunteer time each year using their talents and treasures on a variety of tasks. The major fund raising projects each year are: Gift Card Purchasing, Jog-A-Thon in the Fall, a Raffle in the winter, and a spring Auction.



St. Therese School

As a St. Therese Student I

Live like Jesus

- Develops a relationship with God
- Serves others
- Participates in liturgy and prayer
- Celebrates church traditions

Am a life-long learner

- Strives to do their best
- Works independently and cooperatively
- Solves problems
- Uses creative and critical thinking skills
- Communicates effectively
- Applies their Christian values in learning

Am safe, respectful and responsible

- Shows kindness and compassion
- Accepts responsibility for their actions
- Listens actively and thoughtfully
- Develops community and global awareness
- Welcomes all cultures

We Believe

- All children are valued and respected.
- Students grow best when challenged to achieve personal success.
- All teachers strive to meet students' diverse individual needs.
- A rigorous curriculum is necessary for student success.
- Catholic education involves providing instruction, opportunity and support of every child on their spiritual journey of faith formation.
- Our community is based on love, understanding, and respect for the dignity of all people.
- Families provide a physically, emotionally and spiritually supportive environment for the successful development of their child.
- Families have high expectations of their children's ability to learn and understand the importance of their role in the child's academic success.



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**REGISTRATIONS ARE
ALWAYS WELCOME**

To learn more or schedule a tour of our
school, please contact us today!

Annual Acceptance Calendar:
Current Students: **February**
All Catholic parishioners: **March**
General Public: **April**

Tuition Year: June through May

New students may be accepted during the
school year as space is available and
with acceptance of the principal.
Wait lists are available.

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*St. Therese does not discriminate on the basis of
race, color, gender, or national/ethnic origin.
Children and families of all faiths are welcome.*



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MISSION STATEMENT

**St. Therese School is a
Catholic community
dedicated to
empowering students
to be life-long learners and
responsible contributing
members of the
church and society.**